Proposal to convert some major ports into Trans-shipment Centres

857. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal before Government to convert some of the major ports in the country into Trans-shipment Centres;

(b) if so, which are those ports that Government propose to convert into Trans-shipment Centres;

(c) whether Vizag has also been included as one of the Centres; and

(d) if not, the reasons for not making it as Trans-shipment Centre?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (d) No. Sir.

Handing over the surplus land of Kandla Port Trust to Gujarat

858. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of actual proposal for handing over the surplus land of Kandla Port Trust to the Gujarat State;

(b) how much land is to be handed over to the State Government;

(c) the details of action taken by Government for handing over the possession of surplus land of the Kandla Port Trust to the State; and

(d) by when the possession of land in question would be handed over to the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (d) At present there is no proposal for handing over the surplus land of Kandla Port Trust to the Gujarat State.

Projects involving cargo transportation for private sector

859. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Inland Waterways Authority of India (WAI) has earmarked certain projects involving cargo transportation for private sector participation;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with response of the private sector in the projects; and

(c) by when, the work on these projects is likely to be started?